



Nikki Reed (left) and Evan Rachel Wood in a scene from "Thirteen."

"THIRTEEN" "THE SECRET LIVES OF DENTISTS"

Holly Hunter and **Evan Rachel Wood** (so good on TV's "Once & Again") are magnetic in "Thirteen" (\$27.98, Fox), a "teens gone wild" drama. Familiar territory (drug use, promiscuity, broken homes) is covered with panache by co-writer and director **Catherine Hardwicke**. Meanwhile, **Campbell Scott** and **Hope Davis** are quietly riveting as two dentists whose marriage might be dissolving, in director **Alan Rudolph's** latest left-field drama (\$26.99, Columbia TriStar). Both DVDs have the usual extras and unusually fine actors at their heart.

"TIME BANDITS": SPECIAL EDITION

It's the greatest unofficial Monty Python movie, since it was co-written by **Michael Palin** and **Terry Gilliam** (who also directs) and features Palin and **John Cleese**. However, the witty "Time Bandits" (\$24.98, Anchor Bay), from 1981, has a sweetness Python movies usually lack, as it shows young Kevin swept up in raucous adventures through time with a group of bandits. Napoleon, Robin Hood, Agamemnon and the Supreme Being all come in for a good ribbing, while the special effects are both eye-popping and enjoyably creaky. (George Harrison's mini-studio, Handmade Films, was aptly named.) Among the extras is a thorough documentary about the quixotic career of Gilliam.

"CAPTURING THE FRIEDMANS"

Anyone who paid attention knows that 2003 was the year of the documentary and one of its best achievements is this disturbing, unforgettable exploration of a sensational child molestation case in Long Island's Great Neck section (\$29.95, HBO Video). Just when you think you've found your footing (innocent? guilty?), filmmaker **Andrew Jarecki** tosses in a new shocking revelation or revealing interview that thoroughly unsettles you again. It makes the multiple takes on truth of "Rashomon" look like a Sunday picnic in comparison. The two hours of new footage (including fights at the movie's premiere, new evidence and more) make this DVD all the more essential.

"CONAN: THE COMPLETE QUEST"

A third Conan movie has been in development for years, but fans of Gov. **Schwarzenegger** will probably have to settle for this terrific bargain that offers both "Conan the Barbarian" from 1981, and "Conan the Destroyer" from 1984, on one DVD (\$19.98, Universal). It's very entertaining, pulpy fun, with **Grace Jones** making the most of her supporting turn as a warrior in "Destroyer."

Also out:

Disney's too-prim-and-proper 1951 take on Lewis Carroll's anarchic masterpiece "**Alice in Wonderland**," in a deluxe edition (\$29.99; Disney); the BBC's not-at-all-prim-and-proper lesbian Victorian melodrama "**Tipping the Velvet**" (\$29.95; Acorn); "**The Sherlock Holmes Collection**": Volume Three (\$69.98; MPI), another batch of beautifully mastered Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce mysteries; **Spike Jonze's** contribution to the nifty skateboarding documentary, "**Yeah Right!**" (\$19.95; Rhino Transport); "**Friends: The Complete Sixth Season**" (\$44.98; Warner Bros.); and director **Mike Nichols'** overlooked 1988 gem "**Biloxi Blues**" (\$14.98; Universal), starring **Matthew Broderick**.

Out next week:

Comic book turned docu-drama "**American Splendor**"; Barbara Stanwyck lusts after priest **Richard Chamberlain** in the miniseries "**The Thorn Birds**"; and Golden Globe best comedy winner "**Lost in Translation**."